

# Solar Trough Generation - The California Experience

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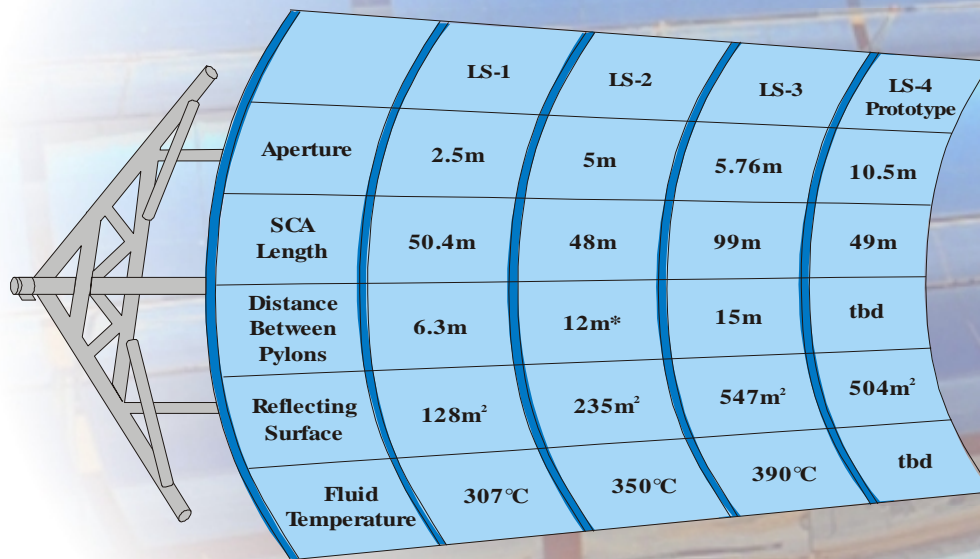
# OVERVIEW



- **SEGS Background & Description**
- **Historic Performance Trends**
- **The Recent California Experience**
- **Summary / Concluding Remarks**

# SEGS

## Solar Electric Generating Systems



	LS-1	LS-2	LS-3	LS-4 Prototype
Aperture	2.5m	5m	5.76m	10.5m
SCA Length	50.4m	48m	99m	49m
Distance Between Pylons	6.3m	12m*	15m	tbd
Reflecting Surface	128m <sup>2</sup>	235m <sup>2</sup>	547m <sup>2</sup>	504m <sup>2</sup>
Fluid Temperature	307°C	350°C	390°C	tbd

\*At SEGS VI & VII, the distance was increased to 15m.

### Nine Hybrid Solar Power Plants Currently Operating

SEGS I	14 MWe	since 1984
SEGS II	30 MWe	since 1985
SEGS III	30 MWe	since 1986
SEGS IV	30 MWe	since 1986
SEGS V	30 MWe	since 1987
SEGS VI	30 MWe	since 1988
SEGS VII	30 MWe	since 1988
SEGS VIII	80 MWe	since 1989
SEGS IX	80 MWe	since 1990

**Total Capacity: 354 MWe**

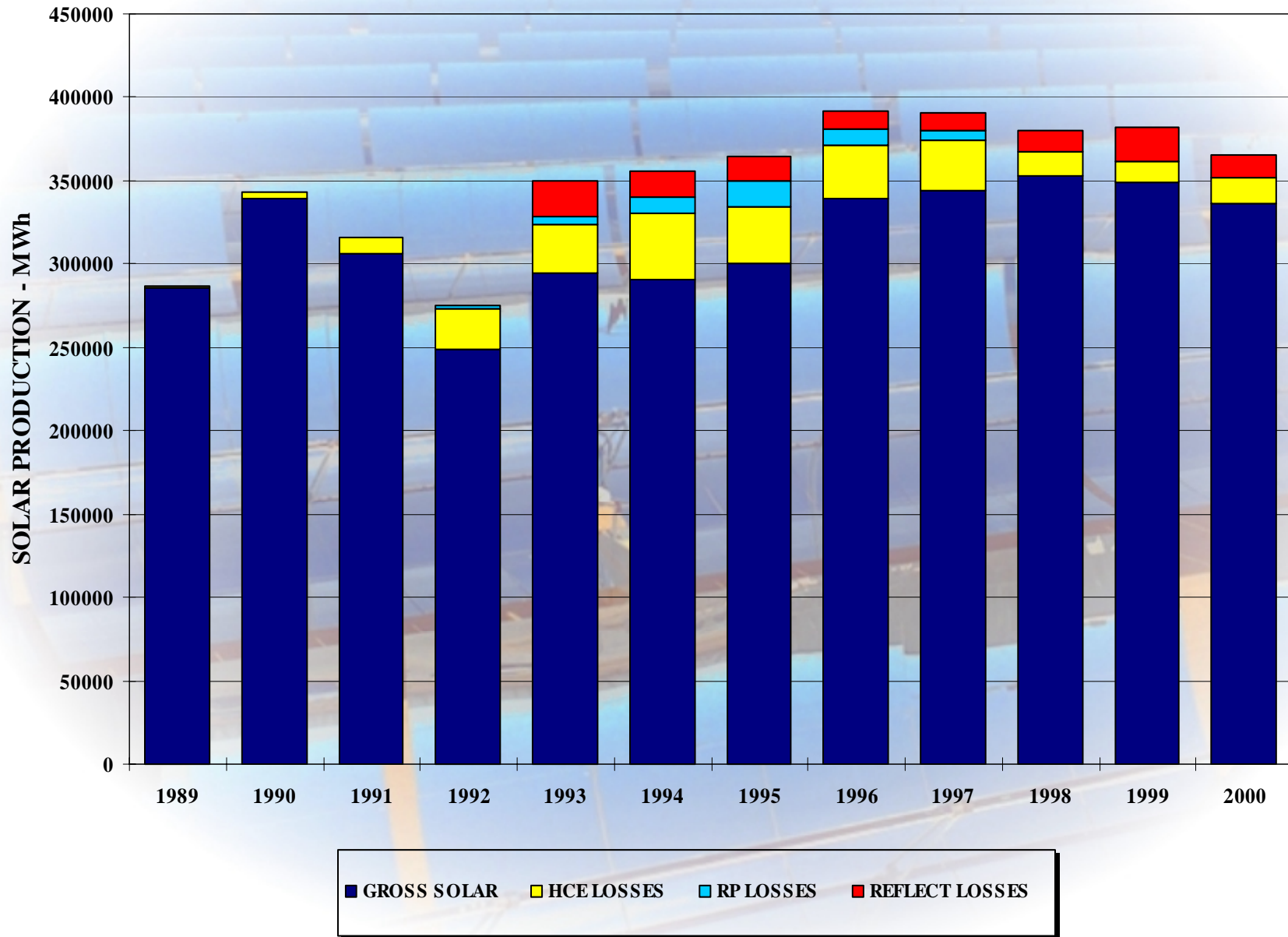


# ***Kramer Junction SEGS***

- **Five 30 MW Hybrid Power Plants**
  - **SEGS III-V: Dual Inlet Rankine Steam Cycle**
  - **SEGS VI-VII: Single Inlet Reheat Rankine Steam Cycle**
- **Annual Energy Input Entering Steam Turbine**
  - **75% Solar Energy**
  - **25% Natural Gas Boilers**
- **Typical 30 MW SEGS (VI) Characteristics**
  - **800 LS2 SCAs**
  - **188,000 m<sup>2</sup> of Reflective Aperture Area**
  - **98,000 Reflector Panels**
  - **9,000 HCE Tubes**



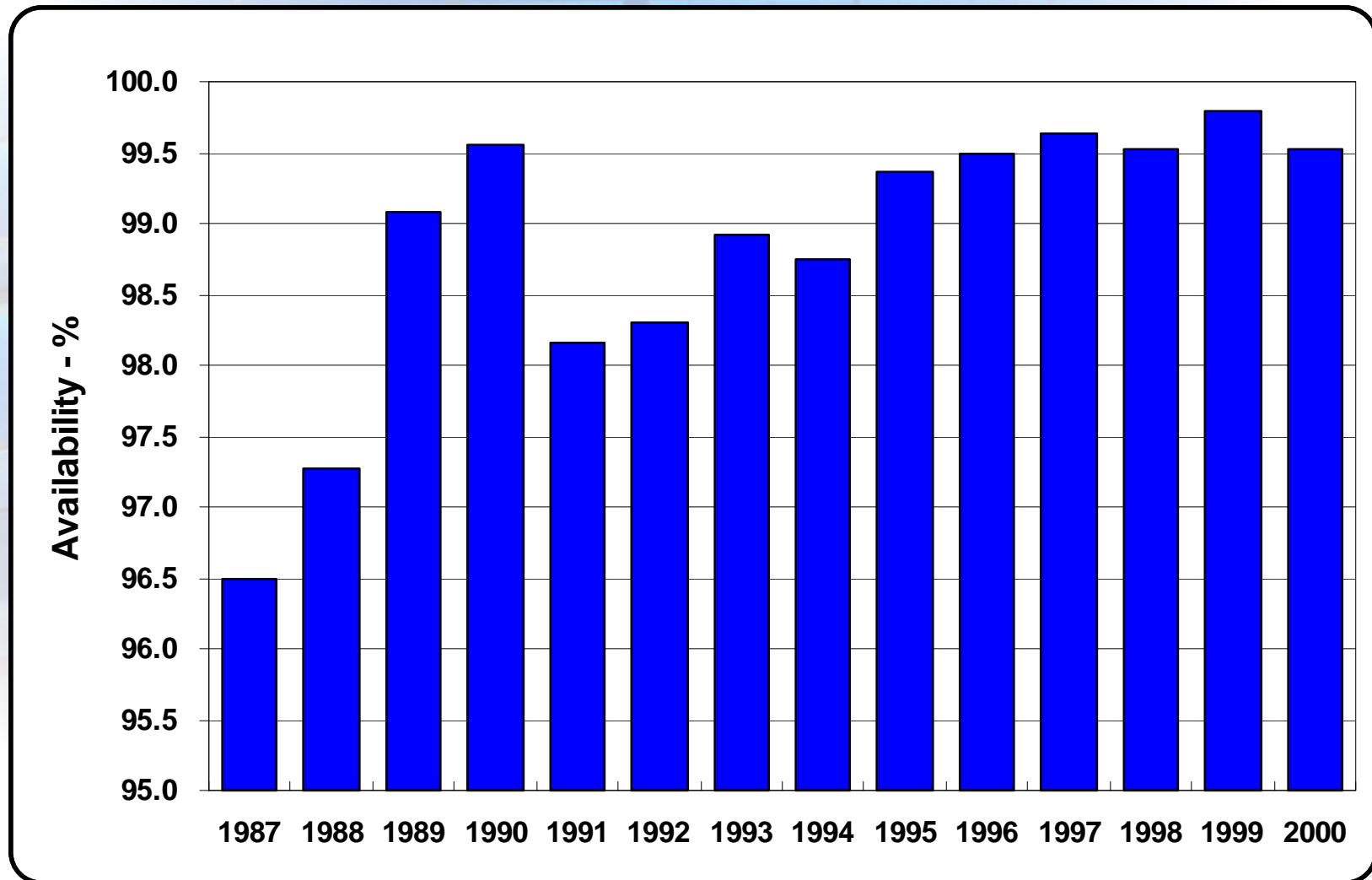
## Gross Solar Production SEGS III-VII



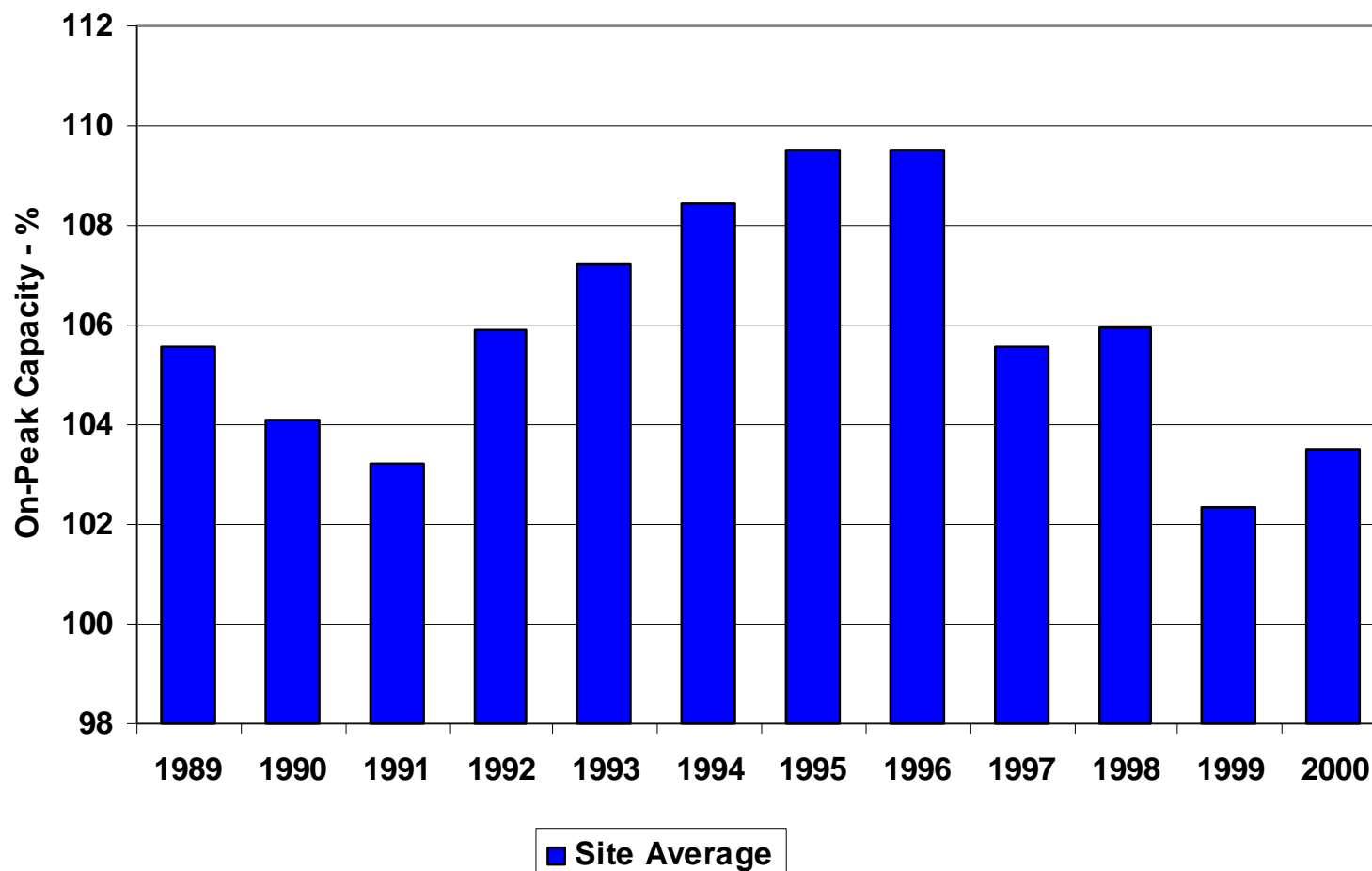




## Kramer Junction SEGS Collector Availability



## Kramer Junction SEGS Peak Capacity



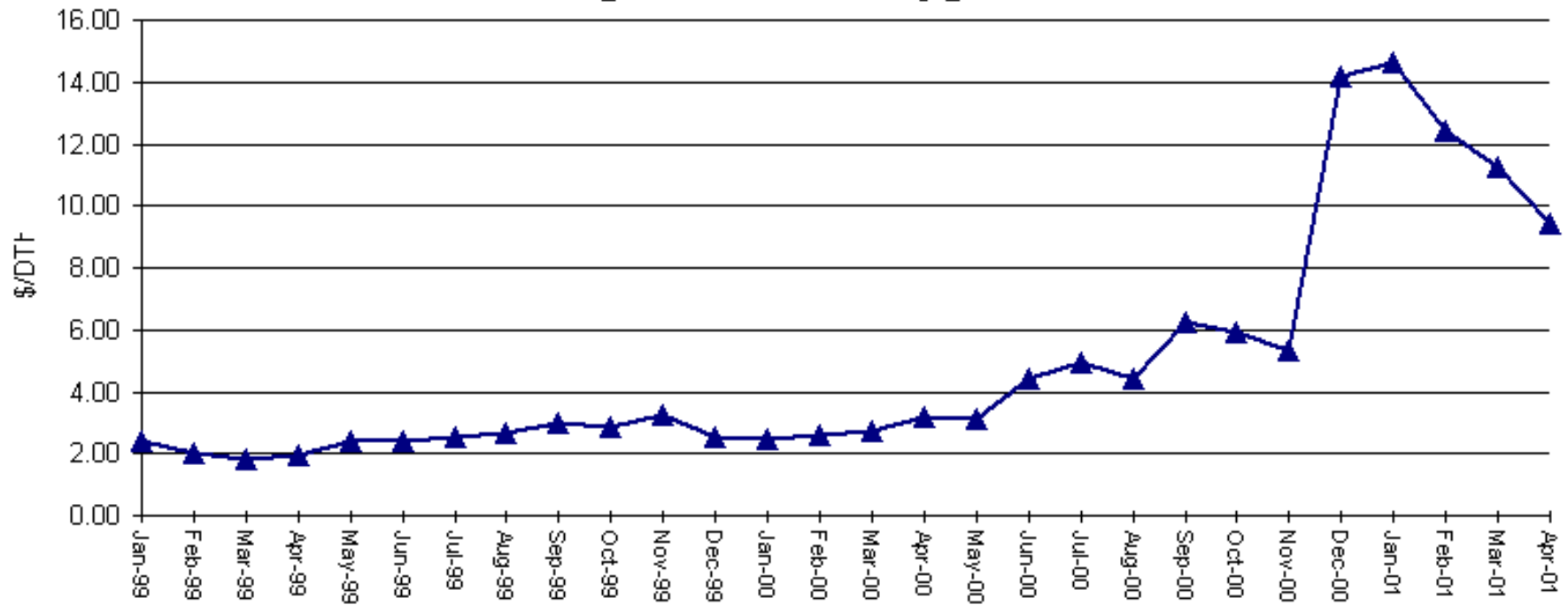
# The California Experience



- **Gas Prices Increased!**
  - **El Paso gas awarded capacity away from California**
  - **Pipeline explosion in New Mexico**
    - **Repairs and inspections to many other pipelines**
  - **Storage reserves low due to high usage in summer**



## Natural Gas Intelligence PG&E Citygate Index



# December 01



- **SRAC posting was based on \$14 gas**
- **SCE petitioned to contest posted SRAC to CPUC**
  - **SCE has fixed pricing to consumer**
- **QF's (12,000 MW) offline**
  - **Planned Outages - Heavy summer ops**
  - **Forced Outages - Big losses?**
  - **Air Permits running out or gone**
  - **Uncertainty**
- **STAGE 3 EMERGENCIES DAILY!!!!**

## December 01 (Cont)



- **KJ SEGS ran solar only mostly**
  - **Used gas up to 25% FERC**
  - **Used extra gas in November**
- **FERC lifted 25% limitation**
  - **KJ SEGS could not operate at loss**
  - **KJ made attempts with SCE to produce with revenue based on gas prices**
  - **SCE petitioning CPUC to do away with 25% to 0% earlier in year**



# January



- **SRAC posted - SCE protest**
  - **KJ ran with gas until 1/12**
  - **No November payment (QF's)!!!!**
  - **Planned Outages**
  - **Forced Outages**
  - **No Payment no Power**
- **KJ SEGS ran solar only**
  - **Came out of 2 planned outages early**
  - **Postponed 2 planned outages**

# February - March



- **Legislature, QF's, Utilities in Sacramento**
- **CPUC ordered CDWR to buy (loan) power to SCE**
  - **SCE continues to receive monies from consumers**
- **SCE must pay back “loan” but could limit cost recovery and financial stability**
  - **Concerned about ability to pay QF's**
- **CPUC adopted rate increase - 4.8 billion/yr**

## **February - March (cont)**

- **CDWR entered into MOU for sale of transmission system - 2.8 billion**
  - **SCE debt on 1/31/01 - 3.5 billion**
- **SRAC Formula Basically Unchanged**
  - **Gas Increase?**
- **KJC OC Paid For April 01 on April 17**
  - **New Billing Structure**
- **No Word on \$11 Million Back Payments**



# Summary & Conclusion

**The SEGS Plants are Reliable**

*Over 100 years of Operational Experience*

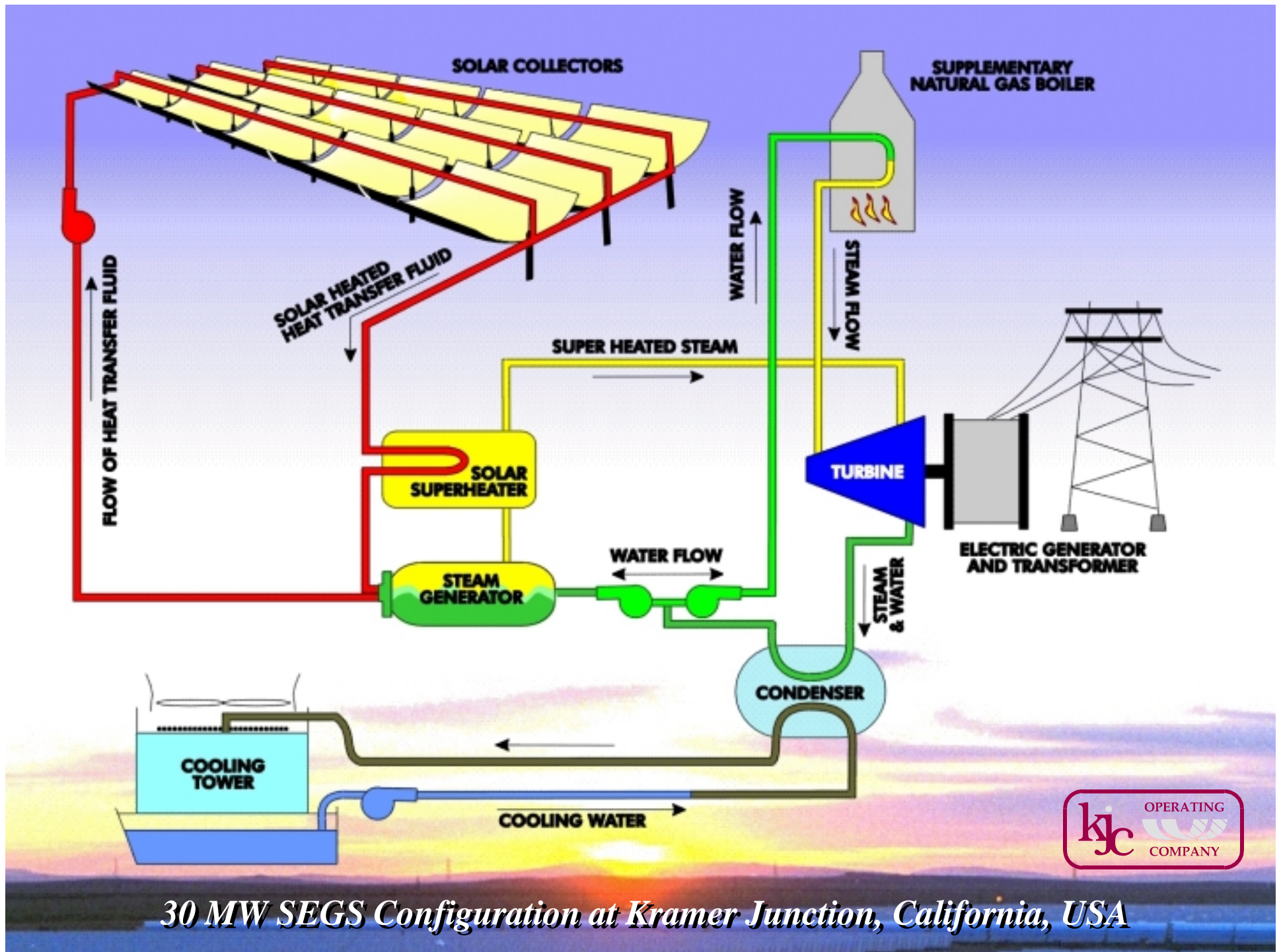
**SEGS Plants Have Ability to Stabilize Production  
Emergencies.**

**The California Experience - Why Didn't it Get Fixed?**

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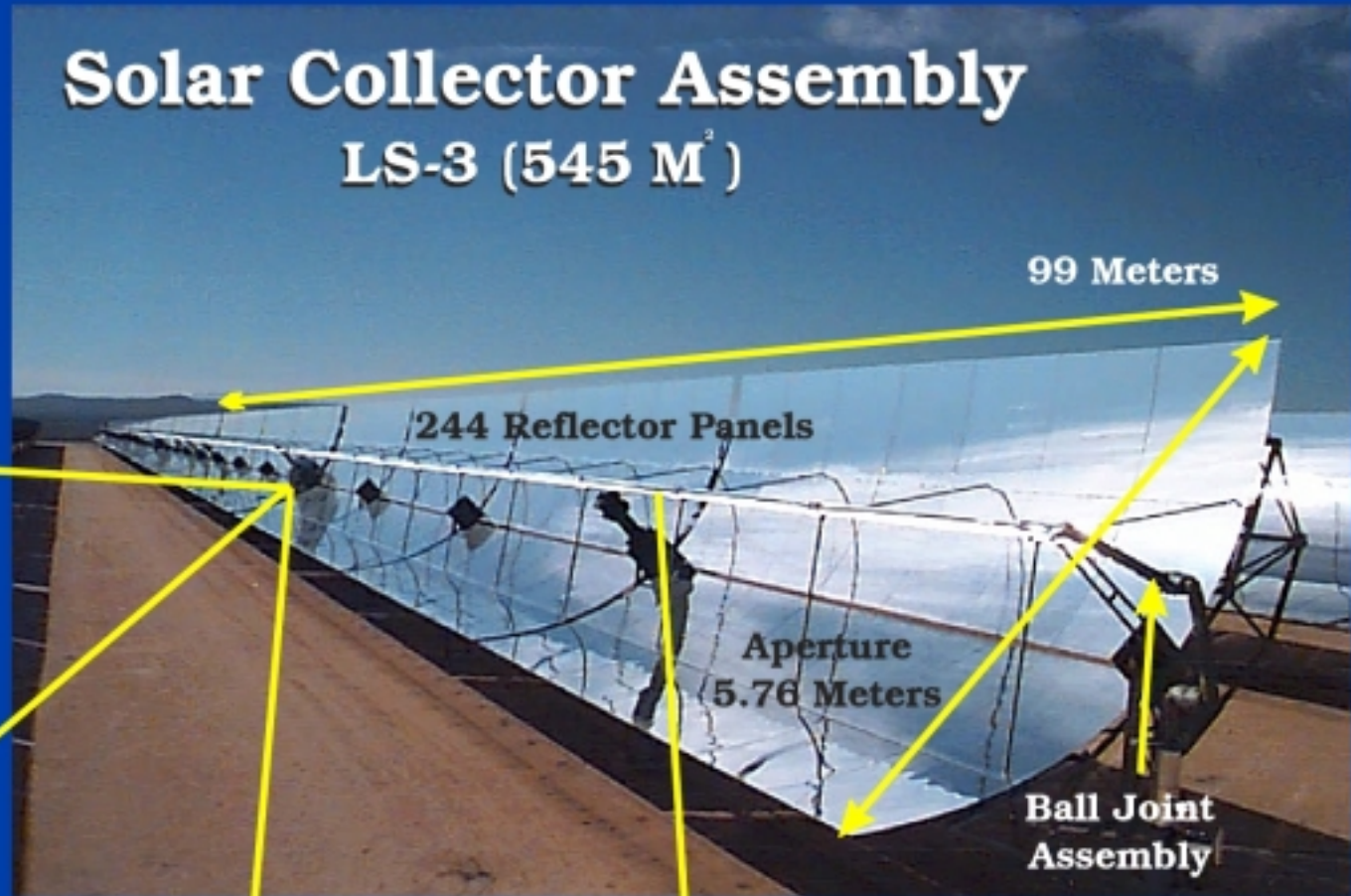


# Solar Collector Assembly

## LS-3 (545 M<sup>2</sup>)



Drive System



Sun Sensor



Local  
Controller

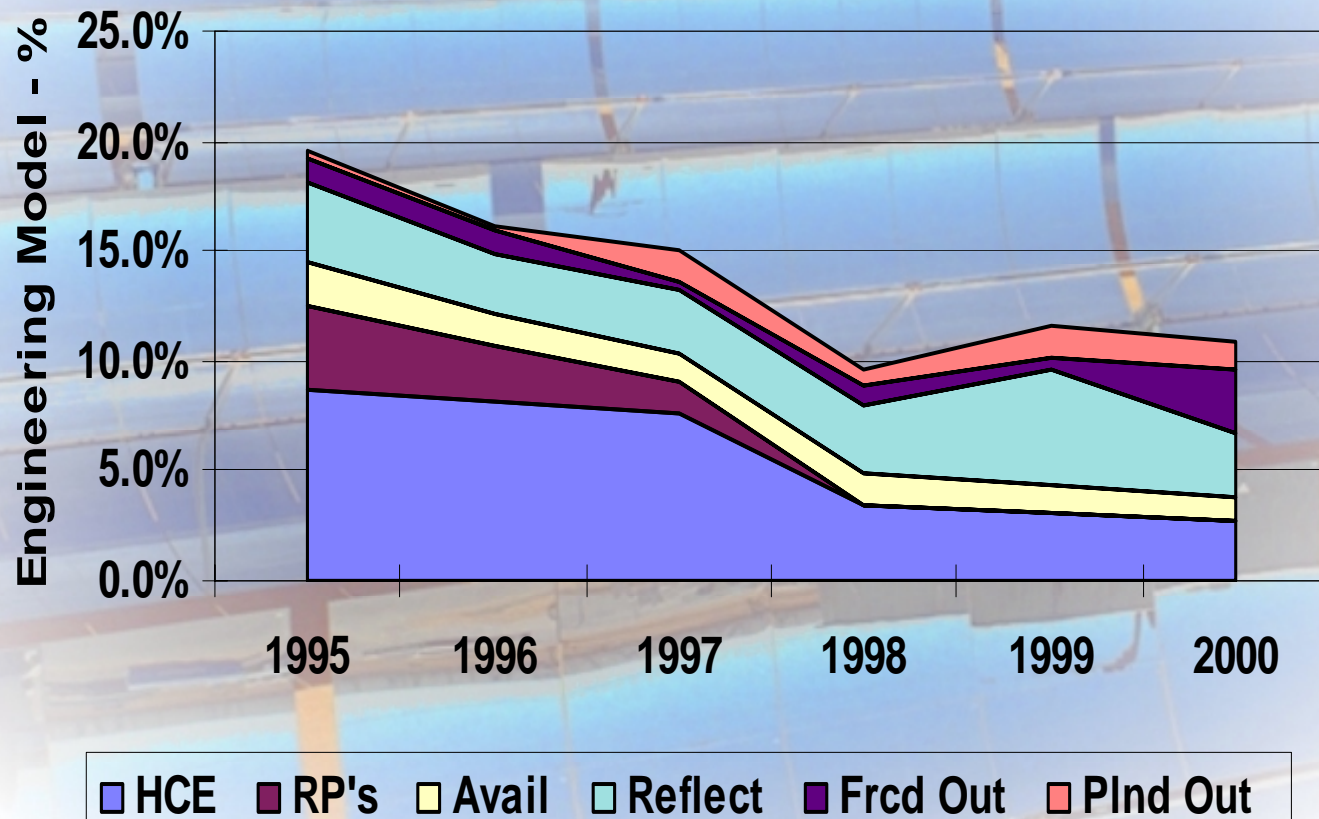


24 Heat Collection Elements

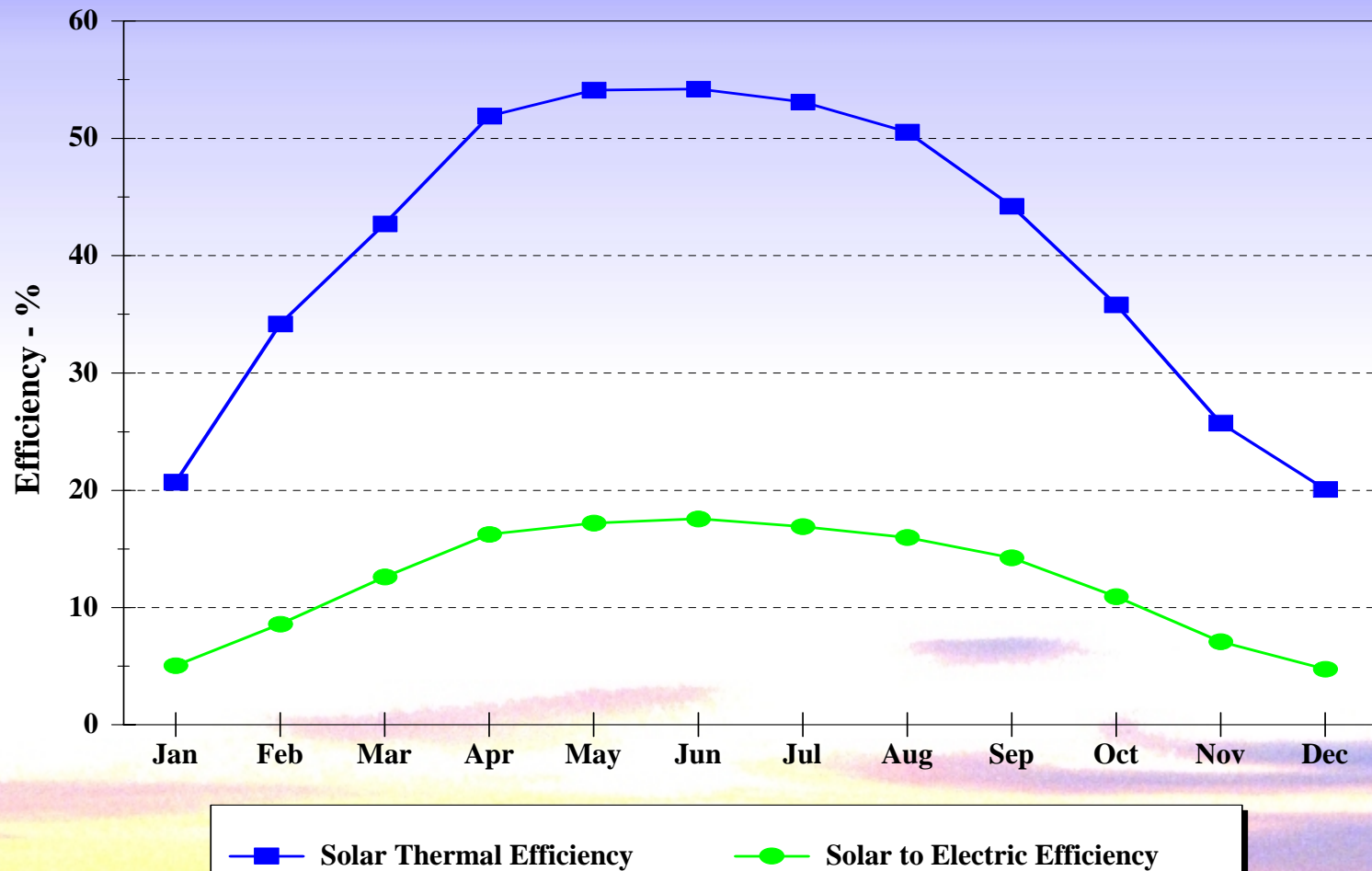




## SOLAR PRODUCTION LOSSES % of Engineering Model, SEGS III-VII

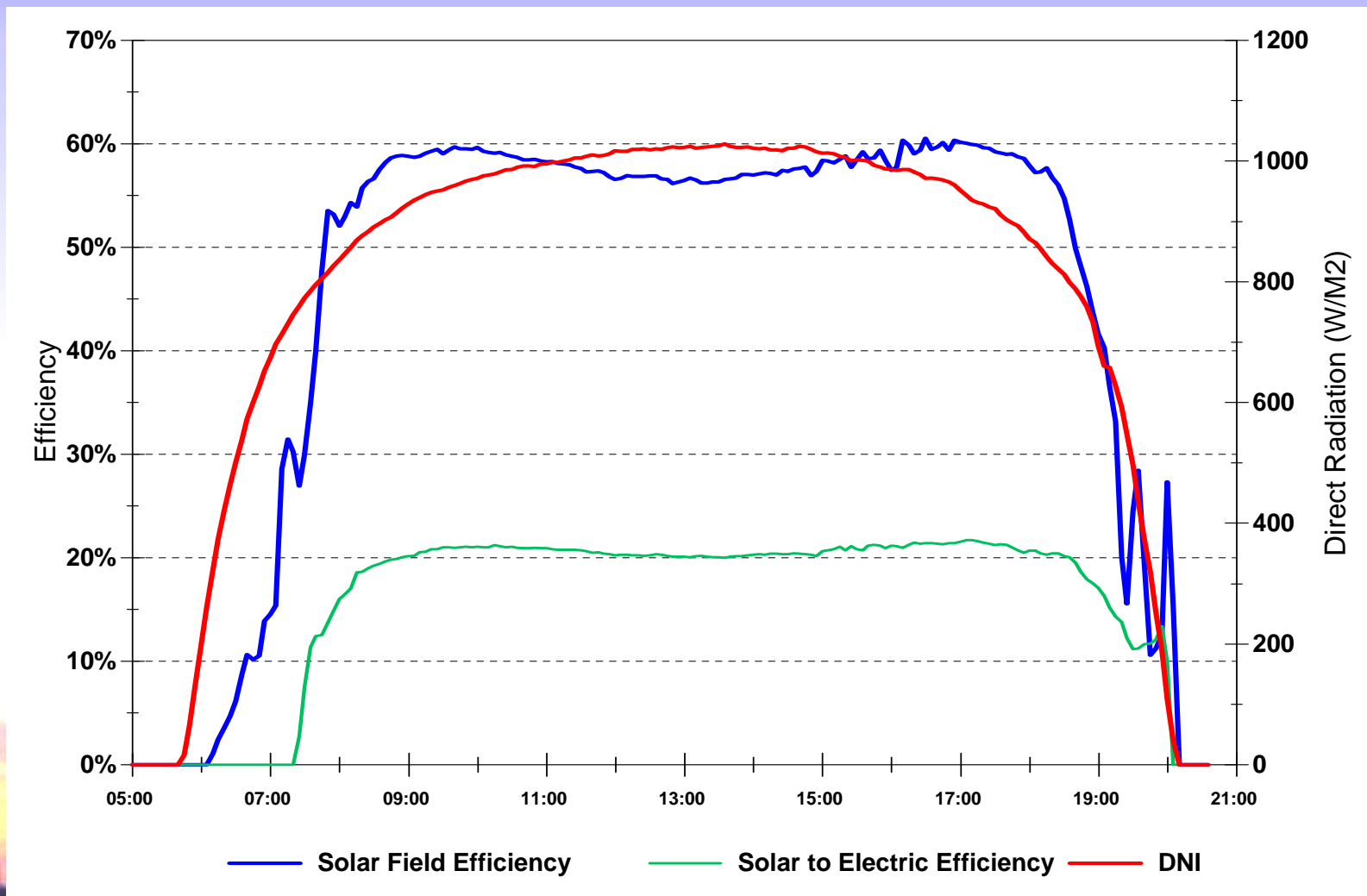


## SEGS VI Annual Solar Efficiency

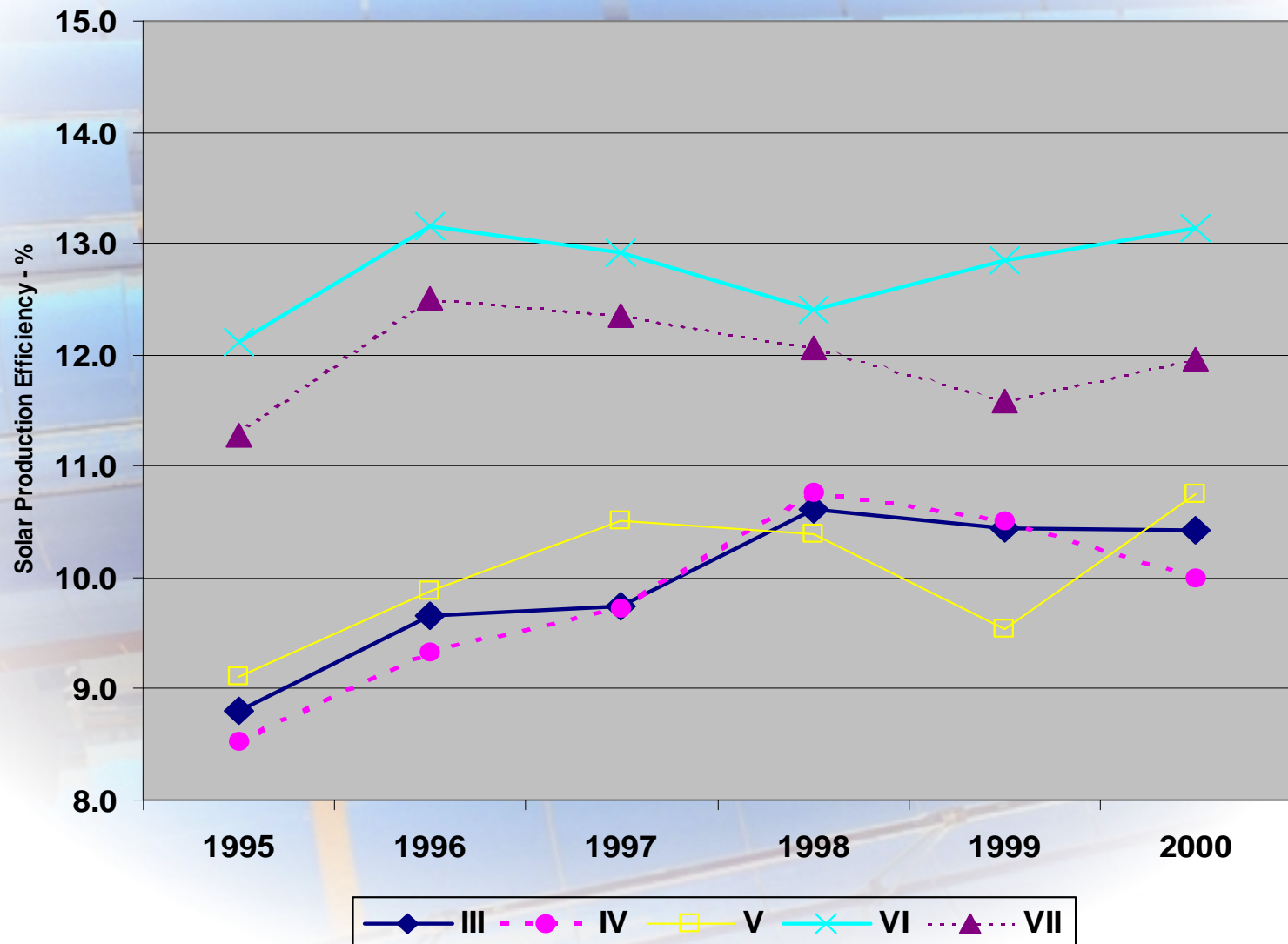




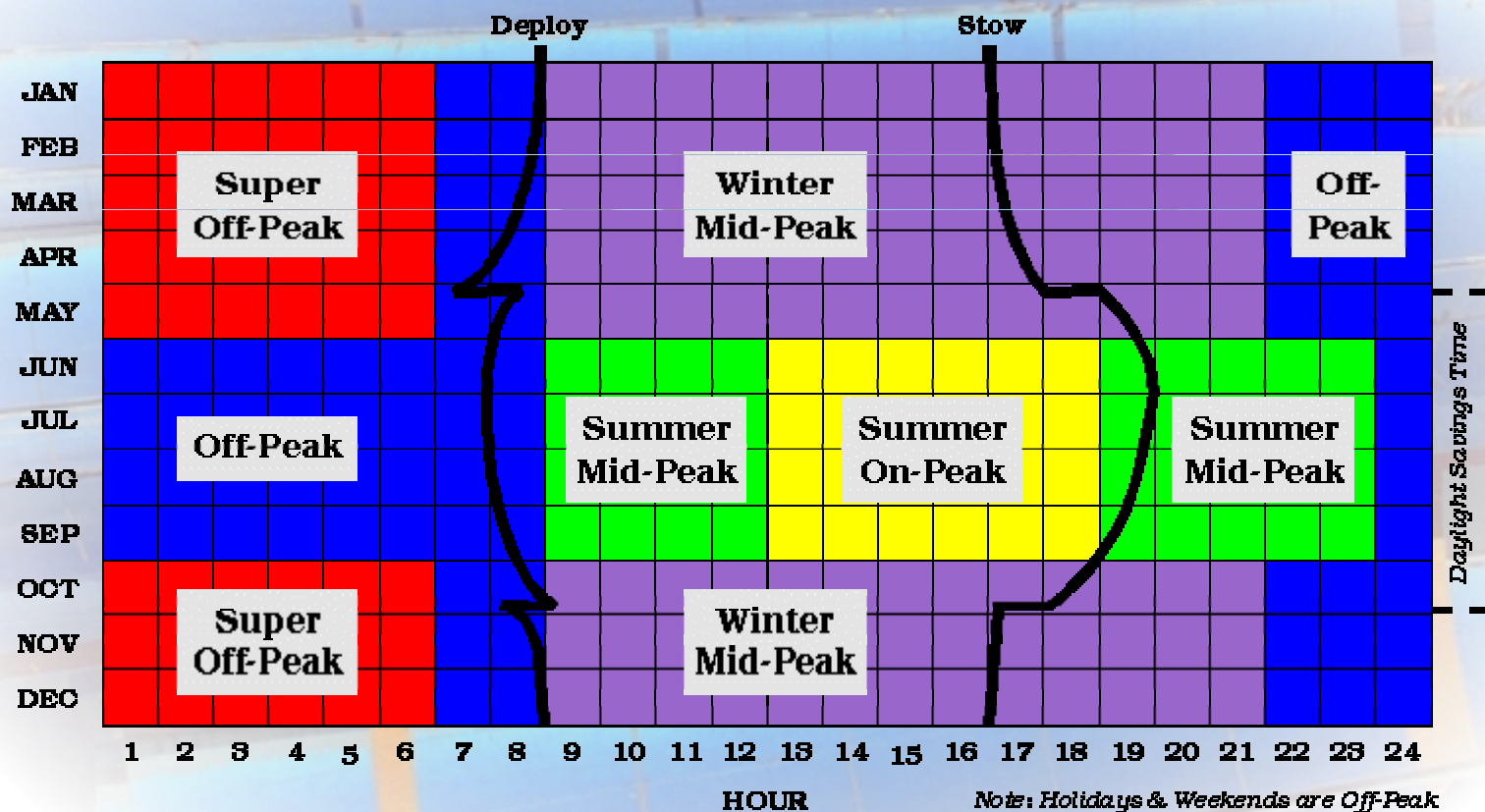
## SEGS VI Solar Efficiencies - Peak Day



## Kramer Junction SEGS Efficiency

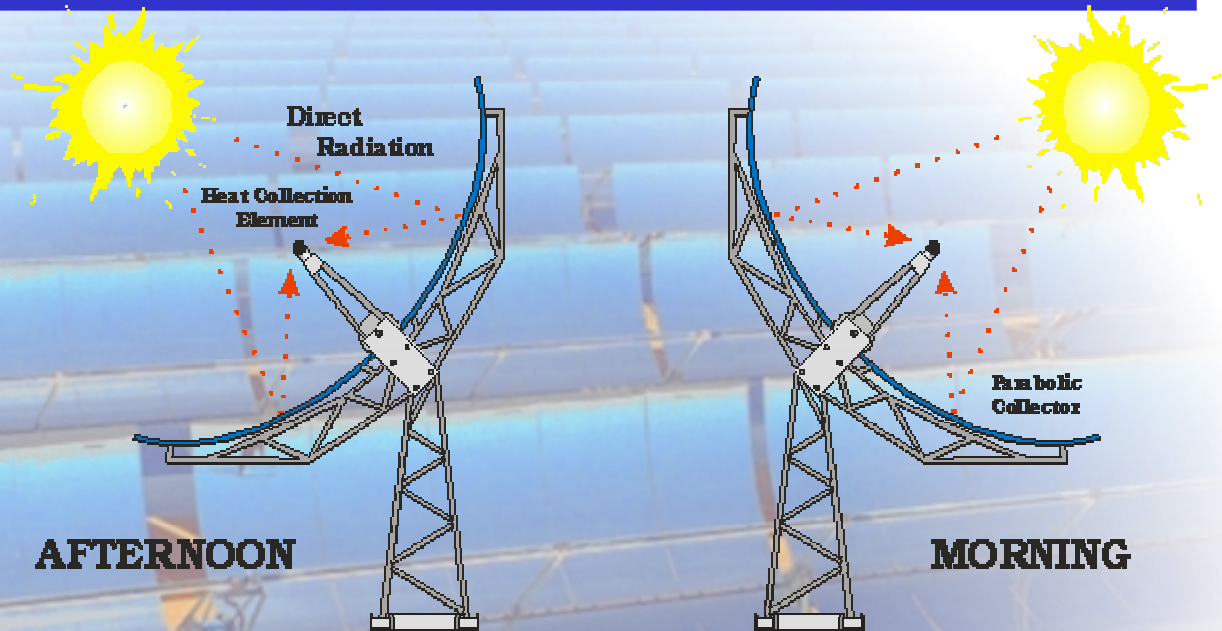


## SCE Time of Use (TOU) Rate Periods SEGS III-VII

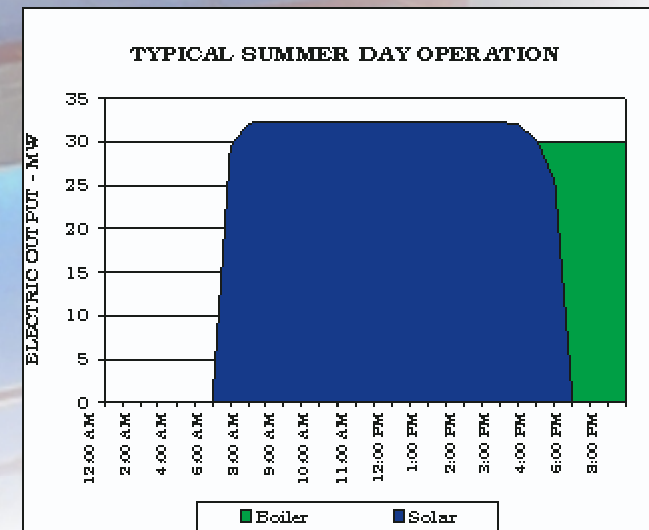
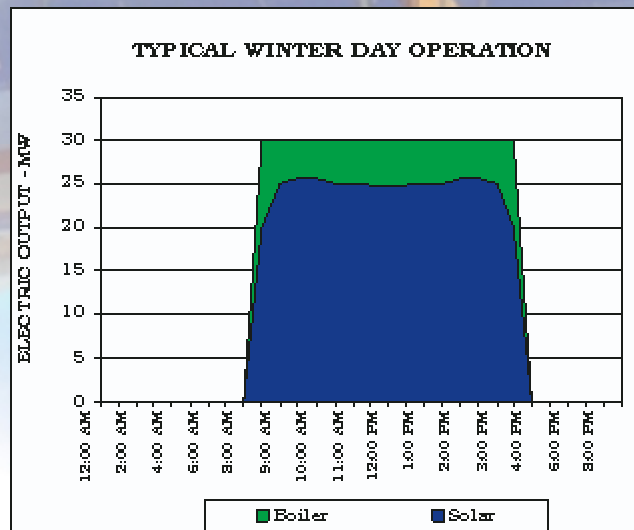




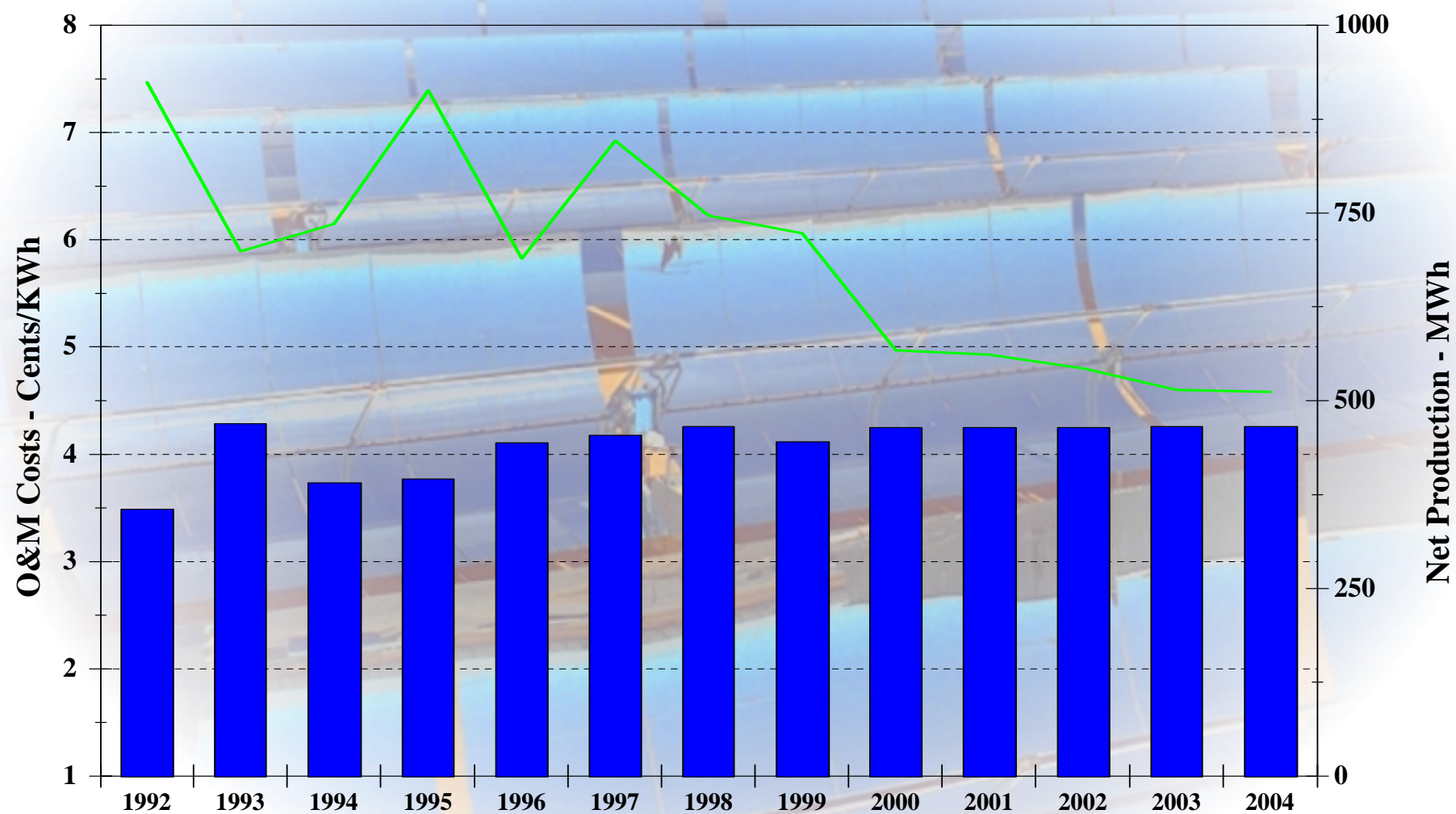
## Simple Schematic of Parabolic Trough Operation (North-South Axis)



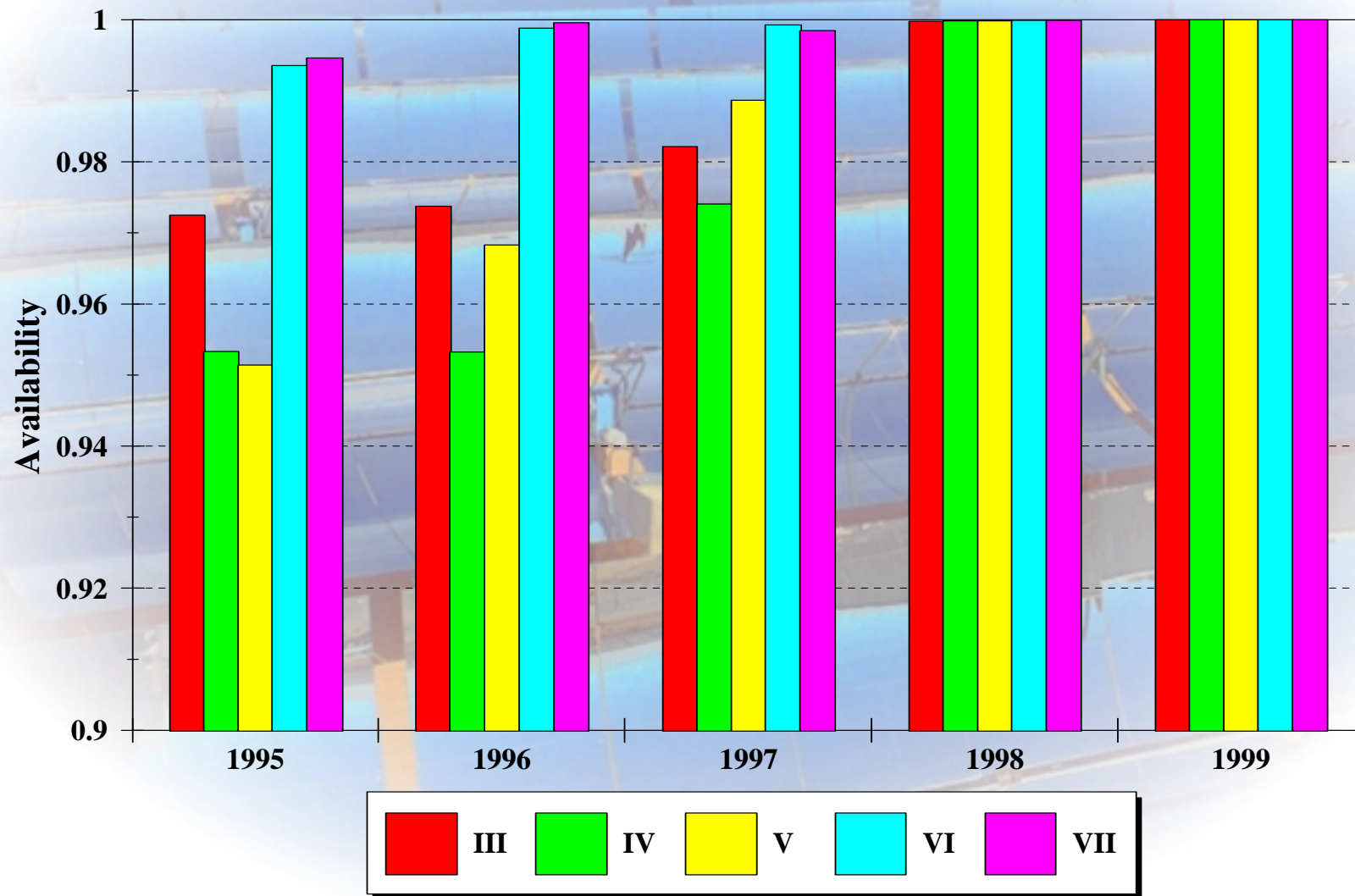
## Modes of Operation



## Total O&M Costs

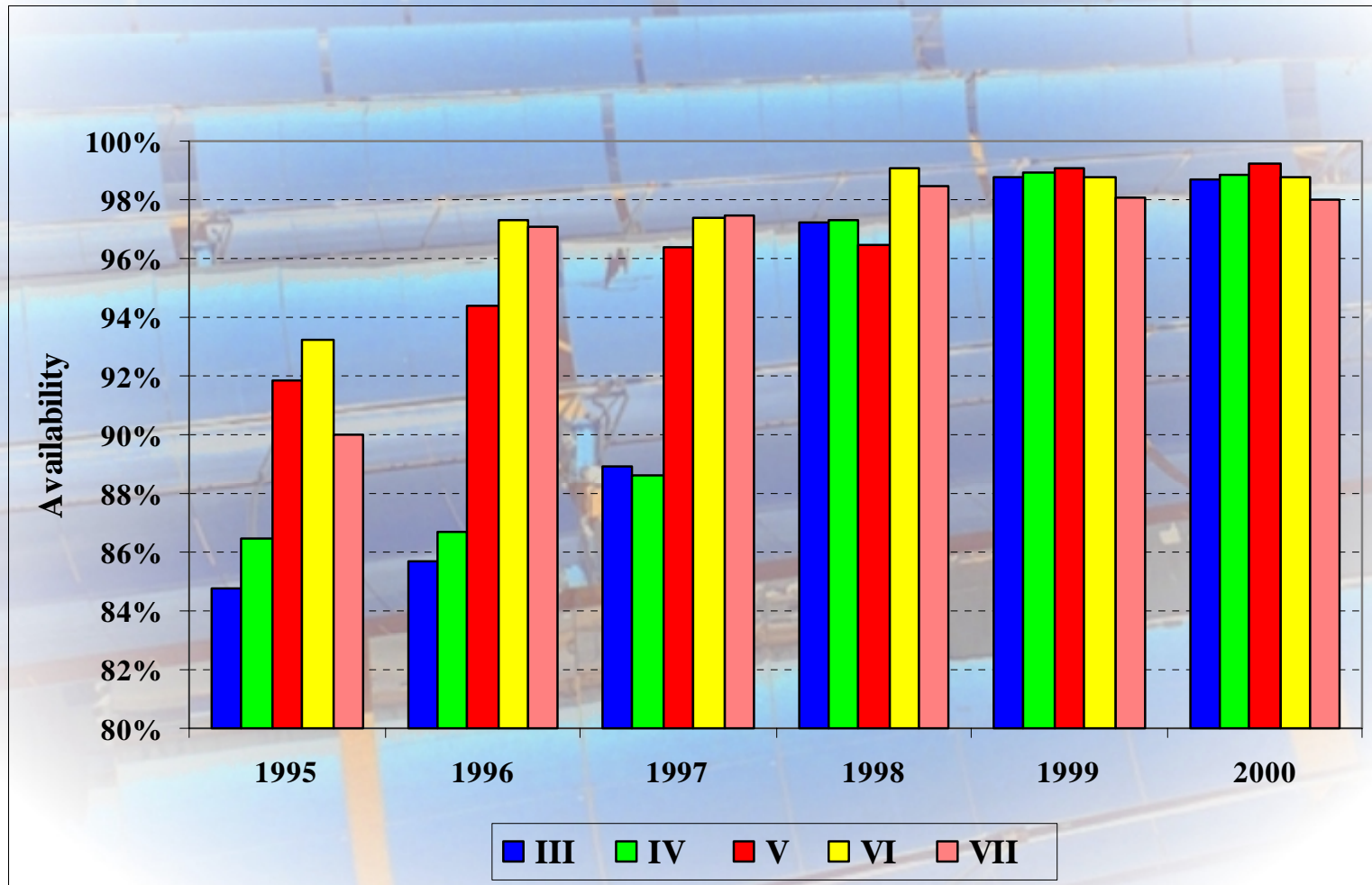


## LS-2 RP AVAILABILITY Actual & Projected

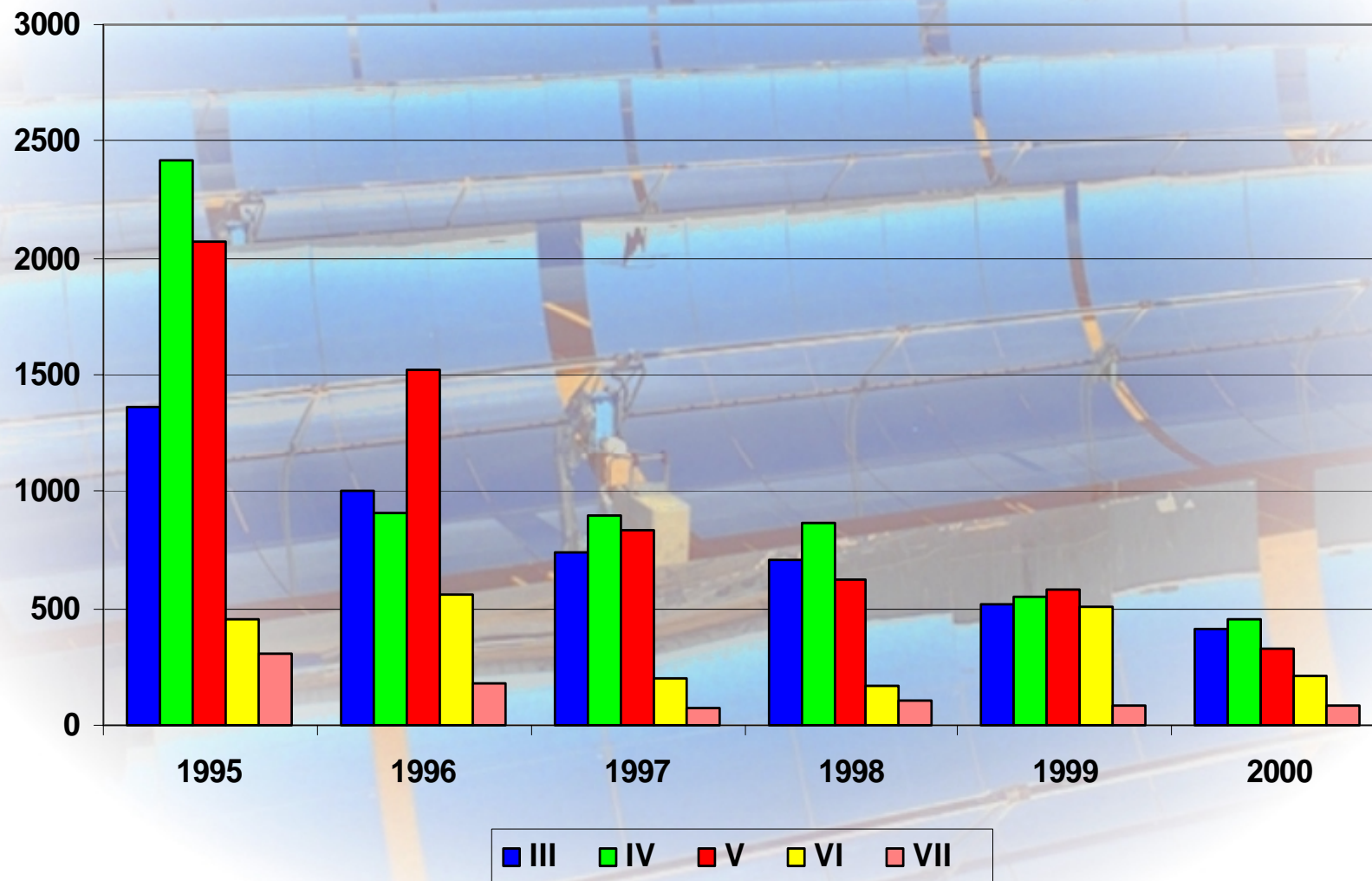




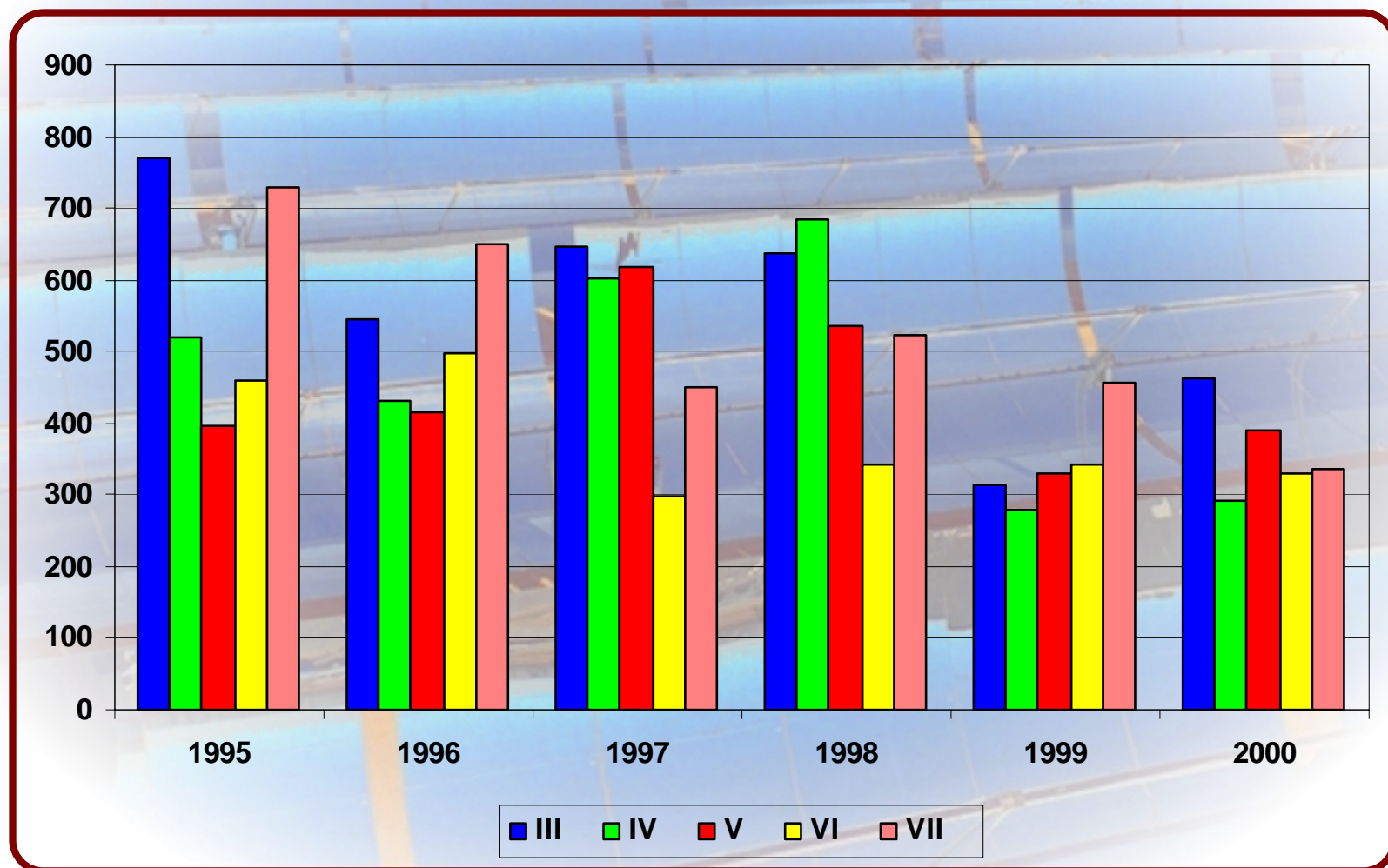
## HCE AVAILABILITY Actual



## Kramer Junction SEGS LS-2 RP Breakage



## Kramer Junction SEGS HCE Glass Breakage





# Kramer Junction SEGS Reflectivity

